

Dear Ms. Morse:

I am responding to your December 23, 2018 email to Martha Rudolph requesting the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment rescind our concurrence with the EPA Region 8 intent to delist Operable Unit 1 (OU1) of the Vasquez Boulevard I-70 (VB/I-70) Superfund Site from the National Priorities List. Martha recently retired from the department, and asked that I respond to your concerns.

We have reviewed both your December 18, 2018 Resolution 2018-05, from the Vasquez Boulevard I-70 (VB/I-70) Superfund Site Community Action Group, and your December 23, 2018 email requesting the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), to rescind their concurrence with EPA to delist the VB/I-70 Operable Unit 1 (OU1).

Knowing the historic origin of the contamination in the soils in the area was deemed to be not as important as the need to protect public health and the environment by remediating properties to reduce exposure pathways. The Remedial Action Objectives (RAOs) for the site were to minimize exposure to arsenic and lead in the surface soils on residential properties to the residents in OU1.

After review, we feel the Record of Decision adequately identifies the Remedial Action Objectives and the remediation activities conducted by the EPA, and they have met the Remedial Action goals for VB/I-70 OU1. Accordingly, the Department retains its position in support of EPA's delisting.

Thank you for reaching out to share your concerns.